

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
MAUFER et al.	§	Confirmation No.: 4003
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Serial No.: 10/606,336	§	Group Art Unit: 2616
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Filed: June 24, 2003	§	Examiner: Chandrahas B. Patel
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For: NETWORK PROTOCOL	§	
PROCESSING FOR	§	
ROUTING AND BRIDGING	§	

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2007**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 13, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/NVDA/P000803/JAS for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.